

Appl. No. 10/603,846
Attorney Docket No.: 2003B063
Amdt. dated October 20, 2005
Reply to Restriction Requirement of September 21, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A restriction requirement was the only point raised in the Official Action mailed on September 21, 2005. To facilitate the prosecution of this case, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-17, for examination. Claims 18-33 are withdrawn; however, Applicants reserve the right to file divisionals to the non-elected Groups II and III claims.

Applicants respectfully suggest that the claims are related such that simultaneous search and examination of all claim groups identified by the Examiner would not present an undue burden and would be more efficient than separate search and examination.

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CONCLUSION

It is believed that an action on the merits is in order and such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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